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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fumikazu MACHINO et al.

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For: THERMAL-ACOUSTIC INSULATION AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 5, 1999

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Subcat
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10. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a thermal-acoustic insulation material, comprising the steps of:

a spinning step of producing spun fibers by heating and melting anisotropic pitch obtained by polymerizing condensed polycyclic hydrocarbon, then discharging melted matter out of a spinning nozzle and at the same time, blowing a heated gas from around the spinning nozzle in the same direction to which the melted matter is discharged.